

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SANTA ANA REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. R8-2006-0050

Regional Board Approval of Public Health Hazard Declarations by the
Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the City of Perris
for the area known as Enchanted Heights

WHEREAS,

The County of Riverside has documented wide-spread failures of on-site, subsurface disposal (septic) systems in the community known as Enchanted Heights, which is located partly within the City of Perris and partly in adjacent, unincorporated County of Riverside, and has concluded that these failures have created a potential health hazard; and,

WHEREAS,

The County of Riverside Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2005-300 on May 31, 2005, and the City of Perris City Council passed Resolution No. 3494 on September 27, 2005, each resolution finding that a "potential health hazard" exists while establishing a septic tank moratorium for their respective jurisdictional portions of Enchanted Heights; and,

WHEREAS,

The Small Community Wastewater Grant (SCWG) Program was created by the State Water Resources Control Board to aid small, financially disadvantaged communities in correcting public health issues related to water quality, through improvement to wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS,

The Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is seeking financial assistance through the SCWG program to install sewers in the Enchanted Heights community and abate the potential health hazard; and,

WHEREAS,

The SCWG Program assigns eligible projects to one of three classifications, Class A, B, or C, with Class A and B projects competitive for grant funding; and,

WHEREAS,

The guidelines for the SCWG program, in part, include the following classification criteria for Class A projects:

"Class A – Existing or Potential Public Health Problems

Treatment plant or new collection system projects required to alleviate existing or potential public health hazards where:

1. Unsewered Areas

- a. The County Board of Supervisors or the County Health Officer has issued a declaration that there is a potential or existing public health hazard in the small community involved; and
- b. A resolution (local moratorium) is adopted by the authorized governing body requiring hook-up of existing residences and businesses to the public

wastewater system when it is available, prohibiting the construction and use of new septic tanks in the existing or potential health hazard area, and providing final authority to the Regional Board for approving any exemptions; and

- c. The Regional Board adopts a resolution approving the health hazard declaration and the local moratorium.
- d. A Regional Board prohibition is acceptable in lieu of b and c above."

WHEREAS,

EWMD's proposed Enchanted Heights sewerage project would meet the criteria for the SCWG Program's Class A provided the above-referenced health hazard and moratoria resolutions by the City of Perris and the County of Riverside are approved by the Regional Board; and,


WHEREAS,

In order to promote reclassification of EMWD's application to a competitive status, it is appropriate for the Regional Board to acknowledge those actions of the City and County to address the threat to water quality represented by continued use of septic systems in the Enchanted Heights area, by adopting a resolution approving both County and City resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, approves County of Riverside Resolution No. 2005-300 and City of Perris Resolution No. 3494, as actions needed to address the ongoing threat to water quality posed by failing septic systems in the community known as Enchanted Heights (Riverside County) and to thereby enable EMWD to compete for SCWG funding that can be used to address this issue.

CERTIFICATION

I, Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, on July 14, 2006.


Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer